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FALL 2019

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THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS - 2019

Thank you to LEF Board members, Kim McAllister and Randy Bettich, for serving the Lakeshore Public Schools and community. Your time on the LEF Board has benefited many people in our community - we thank you for your dedication of giving your time and talents for the past nine and six years respectively.

Kim McAllister

Randy Bettich

17th Annual Lakeshore Scramble presented by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

On June 17, 32 teams took on the challenging Harbor Shores golf course. Some prevailed, some just had fun, but either way, the real winners are the Lakeshore Public Schools students and teachers.

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually, the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at (269) 921-2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

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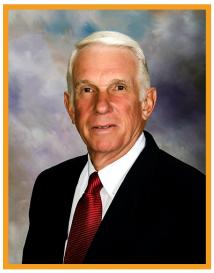
FROM THE CHAIRMAN



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

As a new school year quickly approaches, I'd like to recognize the dedication of the many people in our district who make Lakeshore Public Schools a great place for our students.

We are fortunate to have a school board and administration that work together for the greater good of our teachers and students. We have teachers and staff that care about the education and well-being of our students. And we have many volunteers and financial supporters who make the great experiences at Lakeshore Public Schools possible.

One group of volunteers is the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Board. The Foundation was established in 1997 to support the teachers, students, and community of Lakeshore Public Schools. Today the Foundation is made up of volunteers who have children and/or grandchildren who are in or have graduated from our schools. Some of our volunteers engage because they want to give back to the community and the school system. Whatever their reasons for being a volunteer, they have a vested interest in the best-outcomes possible for our students.

Each Board member who is elected is asked to commit to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms for a total commitment of six (6) years. This ensures we have consistency and that we are able to execute on plans in place over the longer term. The Board meets monthly (usually the 1st Thursday) at the high school. Each member is expected to attend the Board meeting plus serve on one of our four committees, which also meet monthly. The four (4) committees are: ***Fund Development, Marketing, Projects, and Grants.*** The public is welcome to attend any of the meetings!

We currently have 26 Board members after our recent transitions of people completing their six-year term and the addition of new members.

Randy Bettich and Kim McAllister provided significant contributions to the Board during their terms.

Randy, for example, **challenged us to think BIG** when we were planning for the presentation by the Navy SEAL Rob O'Neil.

He offered up that we should put together a very private and small group that could have lunch with Rob for a $1,000 a plate contribution. We did the luncheon along with other BIG ideas ... and this speaker presentation fundraiser raised a net $96,000.

Kim McAllister chaired our Grant Committee overseeing the administration of **a growing grant budget allocation from $70,000 to the current $200,000 annually.** Kim initiated numerous refinements to the grant process, which enhanced the ease of application for both users and the LEF grant administration. Not to mention, Kim willingly stayed on beyond her terms for another three years (nine years in total!) to assist the Board with evolving needs for new processes and approaches and to ensure a good transition to her successor.

Thank you to Randy and Kim for their dedication to the Lakeshore Public Schools and their commitment to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation!

Our newest Foundation Board members bring a wealth of experience and perspective as educators. Dana Riley, Janine Harrison and Kris Weber are recently retired and represent a combined 69 years experience in Lakeshore Public Schools (and a total of 87 years as educators)! Our goal as a Board is to bring balance to our discussions with teachers, administration, businesses, parents, alumni, legal, and management perspectives all being represented. We welcome and appreciate the addition of such great education stewards to the Board.

A final thought about this great group of volunteers is that, as a team, they "get it." They understand our mission and why the success of the Foundation is the ultimate benefit to the Lakeshore Public Schools. Everything we do is to ensure that our students get a quality education that prepares them for the future. Our goal is to close the funding gap between what our schools get in comparison to the other 80% of the Michigan schools who get a greater allocation per student. In 2018, the Foundation raised a record $563,900 or approximately $204/student. Working together with the school board, administration and teachers, we invest these dollars where they will have the greatest impact. In this newsletter, we give investment updates on a regular basis.

We enjoy our opportunity to serve you, the Lakeshore community. We believe that our investments in kids and education are a great investment and will pay off handsomely for our community in the future. Please note the 26 members of the Board mentioned in this newsletter. Take the time to say "hi" and thank them for their volunteer work on the LEF Board.

Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson, Chairman

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Janine Harrison

After graduating from *Michigan State University* in 1988, Janine began a 30-year career in education. She taught first and third grade at Stewart Elementary and spent six years coaching the girls' varsity tennis team. During her time at Lakeshore, she completed her Masters in Education at Western Michigan University.

She has played an active role in the community over the years volunteering on committees such as Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Lake Michigan College Winners Circle Auction, and the United Way. Janine and her husband Bob have two children, who both graduated from Lakeshore High School. Janine enjoys playing tennis, gardening, walking their family dog (Izzo), and spending time with family and friends.

Kris Weber

Children have always been Kris Weber's passion. She graduated from the *University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse* and has taught Elementary Physical Education for 30 years in four different states. She and her husband Larry relocated to Stevensville in 1998, when Larry accepted a leadership position at the DC Cook Nuclear Plant. Kris then continued her career working for Lakeshore Public Schools teaching Elementary Music and Motion and Physical Education. She served on numerous committees including Co-leader of the Crisis Team, curriculum committee, mentor teacher and Girls on the Run Coach. After retiring from Lakeshore Public Schools in 2015, Kris and Larry have enjoyed traveling the world, spending winters in Venice, Florida, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, and spoiling their three grandchildren! They both serve on the Advisory Board for Lory's Place. Kris enjoys singing in two choirs and runs a few 5K's.

Dana Riley

Dana is not only an alum of Lakeshore, but is also a retired teacher with 27 years spent as an elementary teacher. She spent 22 of those years as a classroom teacher at Lakeshore. She remains connected to the district by volunteering at Roosevelt Elementary, co-directing the high school musicals, and as the Drama Club Advisor at the high school. Wanting to do more to support her fellow teachers, she joins the LEF as an opportunity to ensure the continued support for teachers and students that the LEF provides. Dana graduated from the *University of Kentucky* with her teaching degree and obtained her master's degree through Western Michigan University. She has been a Realtor with The Jung Agency since 2008 and now pursues that career full time. She also serves on the board for the Therapeutic Equestrian Center where she has volunteered for eight years. In addition, she volunteers at the Harbor Shores Senior PGA, is an avid ballroom dancer, enjoys camping and hiking with her husband and two dogs. Time spent volunteering and with family are some of her most enjoyable moments.

LAKESHORE Alumni

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Watch Facebook for more information.

DISTINGUISHED
Alumni Award

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
MICHAEL BRADLEY, CLASS OF 1977

Bradley speaking at the 2019 commencement:

HOME AGAIN

Questions - Elizabeth Meeth

This June, surrounded by family and friends, Stevensville resident Michael Bradley was honored during a special ceremony as this year's Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Distinguished Alumni. The award recognizes Bradley for decades of work in law enforcement, homeland security, and emergency management. The 1977 Lakeshore High School alum was chosen from a list of talented nominees by a committee led by Lakeshore Alumni Association President, and LEF trustee, Chad Deja.

"The Distinguished Alumni committee looks for candidates who excel in their professions, and make significant contributions to their communities, to serve as role models who inspire and challenge today's students," said Deja. "Michael has by far exceeded these requirements working behind the scenes in Berrien County, so our community is prepared and safe in the event of an emergency."

Bradley was presented the award by Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Chairman J.C. Anderson. Anderson took the opportunity to read some comments written about Bradley in support of his nomination.

"It took me by surprise," said Bradley. "It took my breath away when I heard what people had to say about me. The fact that they took the time and effort to say such nice things - it's more than humbling."

As part of the honor, Bradley served as keynote speaker during commencement ceremonies for this year's graduating senior class of Lakeshore High School. Bradley recalled tripping on the way to the podium back in '77 before giving his commencement speech as a graduating senior. He's given a lot of speeches since then, but he says this most recent one held special meaning.

"It was like being home again," said Bradley. It was very humbling to stand in front of all those graduates, and their parents and relatives. I had quite a few family members and friends in the audience that day. Some people I even graduated with came up and congratulated me afterwards. It brought back a lot of memories."

Bradley used his speech to let those in attendance know he wouldn't be where he is today, without one important thing --

"Surround yourself with people who will support and encourage you," said Bradley to the graduates.

"I've gotten to where I am today because of the people who have worked and supported me along the way. I do my job to the best of my ability and am proud to serve my community in any way I can, but don't feel I am any more deserving of this award then most of you here. Graduates, you are all destined to do great things, and if you see it you can achieve it!"

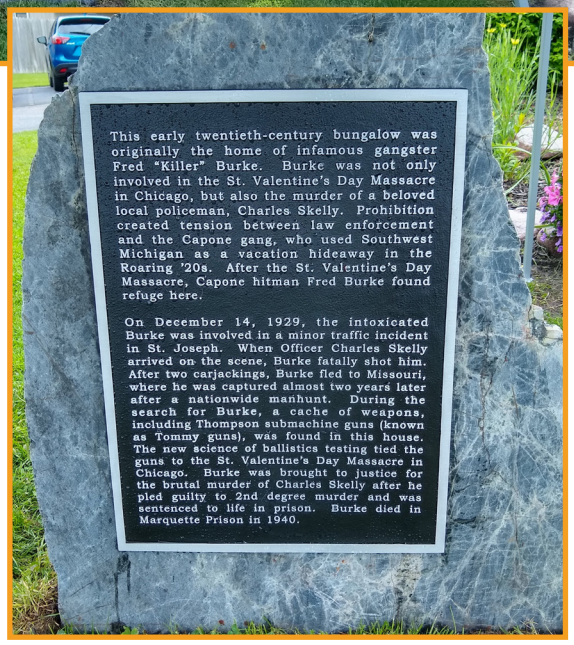
"IT WAS LIKE BEING HOME AGAIN."

Bradley, his wife, daughters and granddaughters surrounding a 2019 Lakeshore High School graduate who Laura Bradley cared for since the graduate was a small child.

LAKESHORE STUDENTS RECOGNIZE FALLEN OFFICER FROM 1929

LEF Grant Historical Marker

LEF Staff Support Grant


This early twentieth-century bungalow was originally the home of infamous gangster Fred "Killer" Burke. Burke was not only involved in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago, but also the murder of a beloved local policeman, Charles Skelly. Prohibition created tension between law enforcement and the Capone gang, who used Southwest Michigan as a vacation hideaway in the Roaring '20s. After the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Capone hitman Fred Burke found refuge here.
On December 14, 1929, the intoxicated Burke was involved in a minor traffic incident in St. Joseph. When Officer Charles Skelly arrived on the scene, Burke fatally shot him. After two carjackings, Burke fled to Missouri, where he was captured almost two years later after a nationwide manhunt. During the search for Burke, a cache of weapons, including Thompson submachine guns (known as Tommy guns), was found in this house. The new science of ballistics testing tied the guns to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago. Burke was brought to justice for the brutal murder of Charles Skelly after he pled guilty to 2nd degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Burke died in Marquette Prison in 1940.

ONE OF AMERICA'S OLDEST UNSOLVED MURDERS IS GETTING SOME HISTORIC RECOGNITION LOCALLY.

The Coldwell Banker Realtor's office on Red Arrow Highway was once home to a notorious mobster. Fred "Killer" Burke lived there. It's where police found the tommy guns used in the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Officer Charles Skelly

The first break in the case occurred on December 14, 1929, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

On this Saturday night, 25-year old St. Joseph City Police Officer Charles Skelly was on foot patrol at the corner of Broad and State Streets. It was on this fateful night that Officer Skelly would lose his life, which later resulted in the break needed by authorities to eventually locate and arrest Fred Burke.

Students at Lakeshore High School, along with family members of Officer Skelly, recently gathered to dedicate a historical marker as a tribute in Skelly's honor.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDENT EXCHANGE

Our ambitious plan for a German-American student exchange would have been impossible without a supportive international network of parents, community leaders, teachers, administrators and students.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped us make this dream a reality for the students of Lakeshore High School and Gesamtschule Hardt in Mönchengladbach!

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, Lakeshore Rotary Club, GAPP, and private donors provided generous monetary support, and countless others donated their time and energy. Thank you to all of you! The entire experience was profound, and the friendships formed have enriched the lives of our students and families throughout our respective communities.

"28 Germans. 28 Americans. One purpose. This is what it's all about. International friendships have been the most profound gift in my life, and it is a privilege to watch my students form their own transatlantic bonds. We are one world and together we WILL make a difference." -- Lakeshore High School Teacher, Amy Perkins
#wunderbartogether

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHOSE EXCELLENT ARTWORK WAS CHOSEN FOR LEF'S 2019 ART AROUND TOWN!

A reception celebrating the artists, their families, faculty and sponsoring business partners was held at the ***Curious Kids' Museum*** on June 6. The art work will be on display at the Museum throughout the summer.

Twenty pieces of art are chosen from the five schools each season to be professionally framed and put on display. Businesses or individuals are welcome to sponsor one or more of these beautiful pieces of work. A sponsorship helps cover the cost of framing; in return, the business is invited to display the student's art for one year.

Thank you to the Program Chair, ***Naomi Ventura***, who has led this program for many years. Thank you to the children's museum for hosting the event and displaying the artwork all summer, to the sponsors, and the art educators of Lakeshore Public Schools for supporting our budding artists.

We'd also like to thank our guest judge for 2019. **Nathan Margoni** is an artist living and working in Benton Harbor, MI. His narrative paintings and grotesque sculptures have been exhibited at Shulamit Nazarian in Los Angeles, CA, the Urban Institute of Art in Grand Rapids, MI, and SPACE in Pittsburgh, PA. He currently teaches at the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, MI.

http://www.nathanmargoni.com

Amber Mealman, *I play tennis?*
Lakeshore Middle School, 8th grade

Anna Prosser, *Untitled*
Lakeshore Middle School, 8th grade

Ben Neidlinger, *Mystical Mountains*
Hollywood, 5th grade

Emma Kelley, *Untitled*
Hollywood, 3rd grade

2019 ART AROUND TOWN

Audrey Blough, *Arnie*
Lakeshore High School, 10th grade

Emalaigh Phelan, *Ice Cream Delight*
Roosevelt, 5th grade

Bob Williams, *Clementine Darling*
Stewart, Kindergarten

Gabriel Ford, *Untitled*
Roosevelt, 2nd grade

Courtney Hurdle, *Just Turtling Around*
Stewart, 4th grade

Rylee Bolt, *Showering Dalmatian*
Stewart, 2nd grade

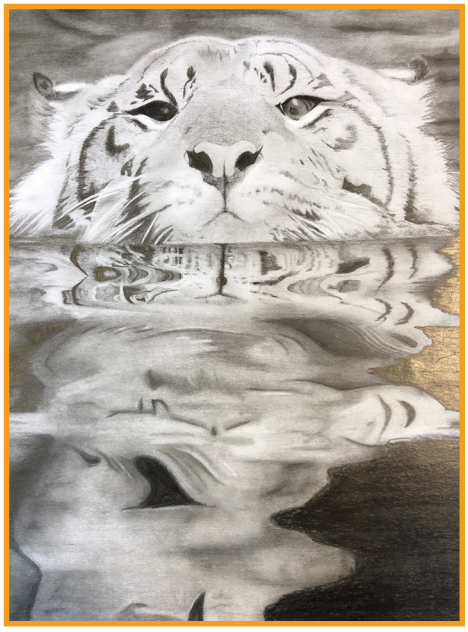
Maya Stowe, *Vivid Eyes* – Lakeshore High School, 9th grade

Madison Cvengros, *Immersed*
Lakeshore High School, 11th grade

Santiago Lara-Martinez, *Thanos Truck*
Stewart, 5th grade

Jesse Campbell, *Pinky the Sweet Star Watcher* Roosevelt, 1st grade

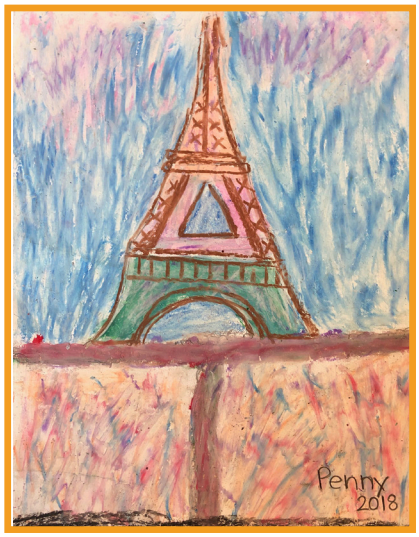
Sarah Luckman, *The Little Girl*
Hollywood, Kindergarten



Kelsey Walsh, *The Beast Submerged*
Lakeshore High School, 11th grade

Lillee Newcomer, *China Vase*
Hollywood, 2nd grade

Mason Noonan, *Tribal Mask*
Lakeshore Middle School, 6th grade



Penny Luna, *Untitled*
Roosevelt, 5th grade

Sofia Hernandez, *Viva Frida*
Lakeshore Middle School, 8th grade

CONGRATULATIONS!

17TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE SCRAMBLE

presented by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

$27,638

Thank you to all who played, donated, sponsored and supported the Lakeshore Scramble.

Save the Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

LEF GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

The Lakeshore Scramble is one of two fundraisers that LEF sponsors each year. The second being the Online Auction which is held in the winter.

Men's 1st place team:

United Federal Credit Union
score 53
(*Kameron Morris, Robb Zurawski, Kevin Bushu, Brian Lloyd*)

Men's 2nd place team:

Schultz Roofing Supply
score 60 (won in a tiebreaker)
(*Jose Patino, Todd Subka, Jason Cox, Scott Schiming*)

Women's 1st place team:

The Purpose Partners
score 66 (*Kathleen Wolf, Colleen Curtis, Kim Thompson, Angie Seger*)

Co-Ed 1st place team:

Eagle Technologies score 62
(*Jay Craig, Kris Craig, Lori Kuntz, Dan Kuntz*)

Longest Drive:

Men : *Mark Satkowski*
Women: *Diana Davis*

Closest to the Pin:

Men: *Steve Calkins*
Women : *Angie Seger*

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221 Main

LEF LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

The Lakeshore Public Schools community is a wonderful area to live, work, raise your children, and an EXCELLENT place for education.

WHAT is LEF?

We are an all-volunteer non-profit 501c(3) established in 1997 to work independently, yet collaboratively, with Lakeshore Public Schools and the Board of Education. Our mission is to "acquire and distribute resources in support of Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and the community."

Funds raised by LEF directly fund projects and grants impacting students and teachers throughout the district. Examples of LEF programs:

- **Grants**- Consisting of Foundation Projects, Staff Support, Professional Development, and the Patti Florian Student enrichment grants. The total 2019 Grants budget is $200,000.
- **Reading Matters**- Initiated in 2018, this project provides for overall improvement to the reading curriculum for grades K-12. The goal is for every student to read at their grade level, find personal joy and interest in reading, and realize the life-long benefits of reading. This is a 3 year, $300,000 investment in our students.
- **Auditorium Updates**- Our newest BIG project involves much-needed updates to our high school auditorium. The auditorium serves many purposes all year long including musicals, band concerts, community education, academic awards and recognition events to name a few. The Auditorium is truly a community space. Our 2019 investment in this project is $360,000.

Learn more about LEF

Visit our website: LEFonline.org
Find us on Facebook
Read our newsletter in the *Lakeshore Light*
Contact our Chairman, J.C. Anderson (anderjcna@gmail.com)

WHY is LEF important to Lakeshore?

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 25% in funding. Yes, 75% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis!

HOW can you be involved with LEF?

MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION:

- Lancer Leader ($1,000+) Contributor
- Auditorium and Reading Matters Contributor
- General Fund or Endowment Contributor

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SPECIAL LEF PROJECTS AND EVENTS

LEF GRANTS - FALL 2019 DEADLINES

Fall deadlines are approaching LEF grants.
All applications are taken online at **grants.lefonline.org**

Questions can be directed to Julia Pechtel:
jpechtel@sbcglobal.net

October 15, 2019 Deadline

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